



Flying Wrench Could Have Been Lethal

Richard Burtwistle, Jr., 33, returned Monday to his home southeast of Chambers. Pictured with his 18-month-old son, Richard III, he exhibits the forehead gash that sent him to a Sioux City hospital for eight days. Burtwistle was hurt when a wrench, which he was using in cranking a tractor on a subzero morning, flew through the air, striking him and cutting deeply into his forehead. He lost considerable blood. Fear was held his vision might be impaired and his brain damaged. But he made a miraculous recovery. A disc will be placed in the opening at a later date. Mr. Burtwistle and his wife also have three daughters.—Frontier Photo.

Driver Dies as Pickup Hits Train

'Bert' Urban Is Killed Instantly Monday on Curve Near Bonesteel

Funeral services for Herbert Eugene Urban, 58, longtime Holt countyman who was killed late Monday, January 12, in a pickup truck-train accident outside Bonesteel, S.D., will be conducted today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian church southeast of Chambers.

Rev. John Hart of O'Neill will officiate. Burial will be in Trussell cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Palbearers will be Omer McClellan, George Ruby, Leon Hertel, Mark Gribble, Kenneth LaRue and Erwin LaRue.

Herbert Eugene Urban, who had been employed by Dewey C. Schaffer many years, had left a Bonesteel restaurant Monday evening about 6 o'clock. Persons at the cafe said after he had eaten he visited briefly with others and announced he was going home.

The road to the ranch is east of Bonesteel.

A few minutes later—about 6:45 p.m.—a woman came into the cafe and said a train had struck a pickup.

Urban's vehicle had smacked into the side of a moving west-bound Chicago & North Western freight train on a curve a half mile east of Bonesteel. The wreckage was carried about 30 feet.

It was theorized lights of another car might have blinded Urban, who had been living at the South Dakota ranch since 1956. The door of the pickup flew open and Urban was crushed by the door. He died instantly.

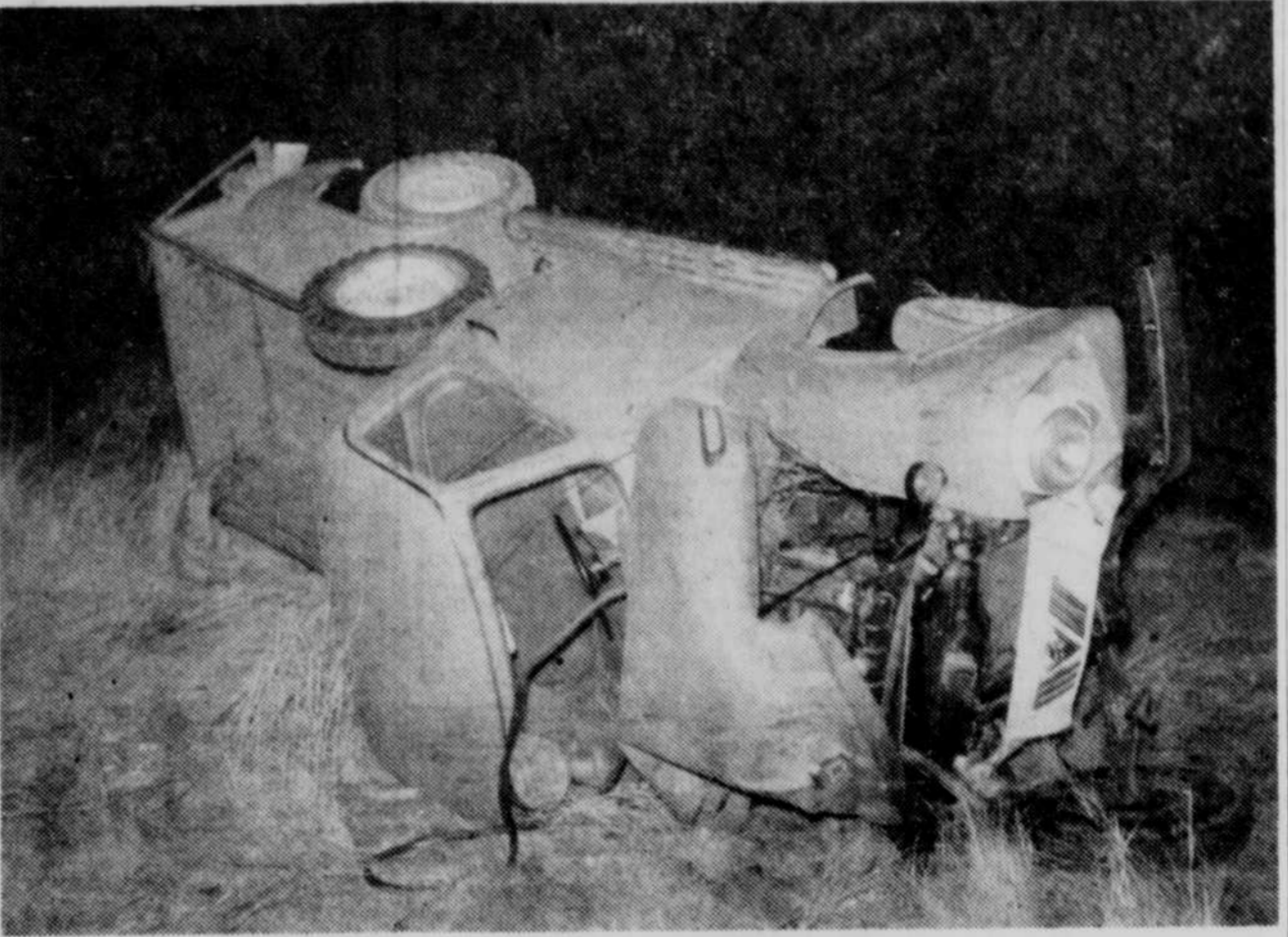
He was born December 21, 1900, at Ewing, the son of Francis C. and Martha Porter Urban.

Urban operated the first tractor owned by Schaffer, having been in Schaffer's employ intermittently for 35 years.

He was married in 1933. His wife, the former Daisy Strain, died in a fire in 1937 when their son, Leon, was less than a year old.

The fire took place in the south part of O'Neill where the Urbans resided in a trailer house.

The late Mr. Urban was affectionately known as "Bert" and as "Gabby". For a time during the thirties he did painting and plastering work at O'Neill.



This is the wreckage in which "Bert" Urban was killed Monday evening outside Bonesteel. His pickup truck crashed into the side of a moving freight train. The body had not been removed when this picture was taken.—Photo courtesy The Bonesteel Enterprise.



Sanders, 141, grimaces after Butch Pofahl connected with KO punch. It was the briefest match on Monday night's card here.—Details on page 4.—The Frontier Photo.

Cronk Again Heads Holt Supervisors

Sanford Born in Original Colony

Lifelong Resident Dies at 83

Eugene E. Sanford, 83, a lifelong resident of Holt county, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 13, at the rest home in Genoa. He was taken there a week prior to his death, having been living at the Fox hotel in O'Neill.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, January 16, at the Methodist church in O'Neill with Rev. Glenn Kennicott officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

The remains will lie in state at Biglin's funeral chapel from 7 until 9 o'clock tonight (Thursday) and at the church from 11 a.m. Friday until the funeral hour.

The late Mr. Sanford was born June 26, 1875, at O'Neill, the son of Eli and Catherine Bittney Sanford. He was a retired carpenter and had farmed for a few years before moving to town.

On March 4, 1897, he was united in marriage to Abbie Riley at O'Neill. They became the parents of three children. He was preceded in death by his wife, who died June 9, 1943, four sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Sylvia Jean Jones of Lincoln; sons—Wesley E. of Stockton, Mo., and Melvin L. of Sacramento, Calif.

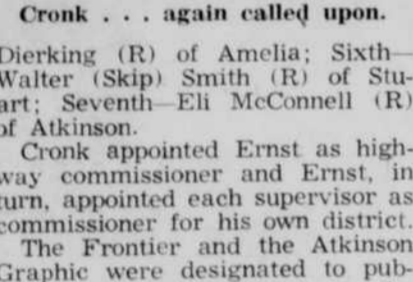
Mr. Sanford was the last of seven children. He was a member of the first colony of settlers who located in the Elkhorn river valley several miles downstream from the present site of O'Neill.

He may have been the oldest native-born son of this community.

Frank Cronk of Page, veteran republican supervisor from the Fourth district, Tuesday was elected chairman of the Holt board for 1959. He succeeds Alex Fricke of Atkinson. Seventh district republican who was not a candidate for reelection.

Eli McConnell, Atkinson, republican, was seated the only new member of the board. He succeeds Fricke as a board member. Cronk has been on the board 10 years and has served six years as chairman.

Composition of the 1959 board follows: First district—Edward N. Flood (D) of O'Neill; Second—M. V. Landreth (D) of Page; Third—Clarence Ernst (R) of O'Neill; Fourth—Cronk; Fifth—Harlan



Cronk . . . again called upon.

Dierking (R) of Amelia; Sixth—Walter (Skip) Smith (R) of Stuart; Seventh—Eli McConnell (R) of Atkinson.

Cronk appointed Ernst as highway commissioner and Ernst as commissioner for his own district. The Frontier and the Atkinson Graphic were designated to publish supervisors' proceedings; the Holt County Independent will publish legal notices.

Lyle McKim of O'Neill was rehired as elegrader operator on the same wage base—\$1.50 per hour—as paid in 1958. John L. Blair of O'Neill was rehired as janitor at the courthouse annex at \$2.25 per month. Anton Weichman was again signed as bridge foreman at \$1.30 per hour—same rate as last year.

Floyd Getters of O'Neill was engaged at \$1.75 per hour, plus driving time one way, and \$1.50 per day as timekeeper for trucks for the new year. Floyd Frahm was an unsuccessful applicant.

Wage scale adopted is unchanged except as indicated: Common bridge labor; \$1.10 per hour; foreman of bridge workers, \$1.30 per hour; truck drivers, tractor and grader operators, \$1 to \$1.10 per hour (previously 95 cents to \$1.10); experienced operator or mechanic, \$1.25 per hour for minimum wage of \$200 per month during December, January and February; tractor and operator, \$3 per hour; tractor loader, \$4 per hour; experienced drag line operator, \$1.75 per hour; truck and driver, \$3.50 per hour.

Founder of Butte Market Succumbs

A. C. Hansen Suffers Long Illness

BUTTE—Andros Crist Hansen, 55, founder and operator of the Butte Livestock Market, died Friday, January 9, in Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch. He had suffered a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, at 2 p.m. at Butte Community church by Rev. George Muzey, Mrs. C. J. Tomek accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts, who sang.

The late Mr. Hansen was a member of Gilead lodge 223, AF&AM, and was an active member of the Community club. Masonic rites were held at the Butte cemetery. Burial was under the direction of the Raymer Mortuary in Butte.

The late Mr. Hansen was born November 20, 1903, at Plainview, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Godber Hansen. His family moved to Naper in 1909 and then to Butte in 1919, where Mr. Hansen was graduated from high school in 1923.

On February 6, 1924, he was united in marriage to Leona Sieler of Butte at Council Bluffs, Ia. They became the parents of four children.

At one time Mr. Hansen was in the mercantile business with his father and later operated a meat market at Butte. In 1933 he founded the Butte Livestock Market and operated it until his death.



Miss Kurtz . . . character, academic promise, competitive.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Miss Konnie Kurtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kurtz, was named regents' scholarship winner at O'Neill high school.

Alternates are Gerald Kaczor, Miss Elaine Krugman and Miss Betty Rodman.

Regents' scholarships are awarded in Nebraska high schools to senior students who rank in the upper one-fourth of their class, according to Principal Willard H. Solfersmoser. Recipients must be of good character and academic promise and must attain high scores in competitive examinations.

Winners are the high-ranking students—one from each school—ranked in descending order according to their scores.

O'Neill high was allowed a maximum of three alternates and three students earned alternates.

Miss Konnie Kurtz Regents' Winner

Whenever a winner anywhere in the state notifies the University of Nebraska that he or she does not plan to use the award, the scholarship is given to the highest alternate in the state, Solfersmoser explained.

At one time Mr. Hansen was in the mercantile business with his father and later operated a meat market at Butte. In 1933 he founded the Butte Livestock Market and operated it until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, one brother and one grandson.

Survivors include: Widow—Leona; daughter—Mrs. William Kimball of Fremont and Mrs. William Boswell of Omaha; sons—James and William of Butte; sisters—Mrs. A. P. Andersen and Mrs. J. M. Abbenhaus, both of Butte, and 13 grandchildren.

More than 150 tickets already have been sold for the Frank Leahy homecoming banquet to be held Monday, January 26.

The banquet is under the joint auspices of The Frontier and radio station KBRX. Tickets at \$1.75 per person can be obtained by contacting either of the firms.

Father Who Knew Tragedies Dies

Robert D. Kersch, 72, Rites Friday

SPENCER—Funeral services for Robert Daniel Kersch, 72, a longtime resident, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, January 16, at St. Mary's Catholic church.

Rev. Robert Steinhauser will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery under the direction of the Jones funeral home.

A rosary will be said tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the church. Mr. Kersch died Wednesday, January 14, at his home following a long illness.

The late Mr. Kersch was born June 5, 1886, at Milwaukee, Wis., the son of Jacob and Emma Gramling Kersch. He lived at Madison from 1915 until 1919 and then moved to Spencer.

On November 29, 1923, he was married to Maude S. Allen at Spencer. He has resided in Spencer or since. He was a painter and interior decorator until four years ago when ill health forced him to retire.

His oldest son, Danny, died in an auto accident four years ago. His youngest son, Robert, was crushed to death in a loader accident two years ago.

Survivors include: Widow—Maude; son—Rolland of Spencer; daughter—Mrs. Walter (Lorraine) Houseman of Pickett, S.D.; three brothers, four sisters and four grandchildren.

House Numbering Now in Progress

City employees are busily renumbering certain houses and business places that have been improperly numbered in the past and are extending numbers to addresses not previously tagged.

Numbers are being employed on the south and east frontals; even numbers on the north and west.

Mayor D. C. Schaffer said within a few weeks the city's residences and business buildings will be completely numbered and extensive use of street addresses can be used in directories and mailings.

O'Neill National's Surplus Increased

Officers and directors of the O'Neill National Bank in annual meeting Tuesday increased the surplus of the institution by 50-thousand-dollars.

Heretofore, the capital has been 50-thousand-dollars and the surplus 100-thousand-dollars. The new capital structure shows capital 50-thousand-dollars (unchanged) and surplus 150-thousand-dollars (increased).

Officers said: "The increased capital structure increases the maximum sum that the bank can loan any one borrower, thus improving the bank's ability to take care of the financial needs of the community."

All officers and directors were reelected: F. N. Cronin, president; J. B. Grady, vice-president; O. D. French, cashier; Woodrow H. Melena, assistant cashier.

Curtis Scolds FCC on Booster Ruling

A barrage of letters is being forwarded to the federal communications commission and to members of Nebraska's congressional delegation protesting the clampdown on TV boosters (or repeater) stations which have brought viewing to O'Neill, Atkinson, Ewing, Orchard, Spencer, Stuart, Bassett, Chambers, Neligh and other points.

On December 31 the FCC ruled that boosters would have to fold. U.S. Sen. Carl Curtis (R-Neb.) Tuesday filed a protest with FCC over the ruling outlawing the TV boosters in the very high frequency (standard) range.

"This matter is of very grave concern," Mr. Curtis said in a letter to FCC Chairman John C. Doerfer. "If your ruling stands it could mean the end of television for a great many people in Nebraska."

The FCC ruling is scheduled to take effect April 1.

Mr. Curtis said his action was prompted by letters from Stuart, Neligh, Spencer, Wood Lake, Valentine and Ord.

Meanwhile, Raymond Eby, president of the Chamber of Commerce here, and J. F. Contois, chairman of the C of C TV committee, are urging O'Neillites to take pen in hand and scream.

"The squealing wheel gets the grease," Eby said. Meanwhile, the TV committee will investigate the application for a UHF license for a channel between 70 and 83 (most domestic receivers would need an adapter).

At Neligh the Junior Chamber has closed down the VHF booster until the officials feel enough adamant letters have been accumulated for forwarding to Washington. When enough letters have been collected, the unauthorized booster will be turned back on.

Logical persons to whom correspondence should be directed: Sen. Carl Curtis or Sen. Roman Hruska, senate office building, Washington, D.C., or Rep. Donald McGinley, house office building, Washington, D.C., or simply the federal communications commission, Washington, D.C.

Plane Crash Fatal to Father of Five

ATKINSON—An aircraft accident Tuesday claimed the life of Roger Huston of Clayton, Ind., son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Steinkamp of Atkinson.

Feed Store Owner Dies Suddenly

Heart Attack Fatal to George E. Peterson; Rites Held Monday

George E. Peterson, 65, an O'Neill feed store operator, died at 7 a.m., Friday, January 9, at his home on East Douglas st. He had suffered a heart attack previously, but had resumed working. He complained of "not feeling well" the day preceding the fatal attack.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, January 12, at First Methodist church in O'Neill. Rev. Glenn Kennicott, pastor, and Rev. Robert Embrose, district superintendent, officiated. Grant Peacock sang "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied on the organ by Mrs. R. R. Herley. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Palbearers were A. Neil Dawes, D. A. Baker, William McIntosh, Leigh Reynolds, John C. Wason and Louis Yeimer. They honorary palbearers were Lloyd Gibson, R. L. Van Voorhis, Ralph Young, Louis Reimer, sr., Harold Anspach, Joe Bazelman, all of O'Neill; and H. A. Van Horn of Page, and Paul Gertsch of Monroe.

Born at Monroe. George Elvin Peterson was born November 4, 1893, at Monroe, the son of Peter and Betty Pearson Peterson, both natives of Sweden. He grew to manhood in Nebraska. On July 6, 1917, he was married to Gladys Gibbon at Columbus. They became the parents of four children.

For 23 years the couple made their home on a farm near Columbus. They moved to a farm near Correctionville, Ia., where they lived for several years. They returned from the farm and in the spring of 1950 moved to O'Neill where they had built a new home.

The late Mr. Peterson was a member of First Methodist church and had served on the church board as well as on various committees and commissions.

Survivors include: Widow—Gladys; son—George E. jr., of Genoa; daughters—Mrs. J. E. (June) McCarthy of Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Paul (Gloria) Eggmann of Sherman, Tex.; and Mrs. Don (Barbara) Huser of Sioux City, Ia.; brothers—Richard of Buhl, S.D.; and Robert of Buhl, Ia.; sisters—Mrs. Carrie Carroll of Houston, Tex.; Mrs. Ethel Harris of Teasdale, Calif.; Mrs. Minnie Taylor of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs. Edna Saas of Elgin; Mrs. Vi Curtis of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Gladys Smith of Seattle, Wash.; and Miss Alice Peterson of Central City; 16 grandchildren.

Among those attending the funeral from out-of-town were Mrs. J. F. McCarthy of Louisville, Ky.; George Peterson, jr., and family of Genoa; Mrs. P. B. Eggmann of Sherman, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Huser of Sioux City; Bernard Pearson, Harold Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gertsch, all of Monroe; Dick Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pearson, Mrs. Ray Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pearson and Fred Pearson, all of Genoa; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lehr of Correctionville, Ia.; Mrs. Minnie Taylor of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peterson of Rapid City, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peterson of Buhl, Ia.; Miss Alice Peterson of Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. Dall Soss of Elgin; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schomburg, Mr. and Mrs. William Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rundell, all of Columbus; Clarence Grange of Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Falz of Platte Center, and Dewey Nemetz of Blair.

Ewing Church Is Being Rebuilt

EWING—United Presbyterian church parishoners met Monday night at First Methodist church with a good sized crowd in attendance.

Progress on the work of rebuilding the church was reported by the building committee.

The roof of the main unit and insulation of the ceiling is well underway. After some discussion, it was decided to enlarge the pulpit area and choir loft. An addition will be added to the south, making the choir and pulpit area 11x27 ft. The foundation was laid Tuesday by members of the congregation and workers who came from the Bethany church southwest of Ewing.

The congregation also made plans to enlarge the annex by extending it several feet to the east, providing more space for the kitchen and a needed store room.

WEATHER SUMMARY

Date	Hi	Lo
Jan. 8	39	3
Jan. 9	48	11
Jan. 10	48	23
Jan. 11	51	15
Jan. 12	51	21
Jan. 13	51	30
Jan. 14	41	28

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